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Art Unit: 3624  
Examiner: Kyle, Charles R.

Filed May 30<sup>th</sup> 2001  
Applicant: Tommaso Innocenti

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2004

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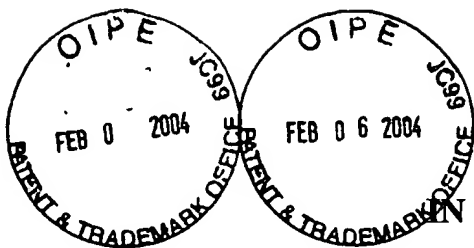
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Respectfully yours,

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*Request for Change in Correspondence Address*

I, Peter Gibson, Reg. #34,605, Registered Agent of Record in the above identified application for patent, do hereby request a change in the correspondence address for said application reflecting that now in the Roster: 'Peter Gibson, 6320 Greenspring Ave., #304, Baltimore, MD 21209'. It is understood that this is the responsibility of the examiner in each case. Thank you kindly for your service.

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Dear Mr Peter O'Donovan Gibson,

I am an Italian citizen, living close to Florence (Italy) who has found your address surfing into the net while looking for patent registration information;

I have devised a special, new way to put up natural raw materials auctions for internet auctions and I would like to implement it but, before any further step, I would like to patent it in order to prevent competitions' imitation and to have a stronger position when dealing with commercial partners.

I have read that Amazon.com has patented a special way of using "cookie" to speed up and facilitate customers' visits and purchases after the first time and another company has patented even the reverse auctions.

For the European Laws any web site and any process of auctioneering (as well as other marketing and commerce activities) through a web site can not be patented but only registered as a copyright, with almost no power against any infringement.

Therefore I wonder:

1-if a particular new functioning of making auctions through an internet web site can be patented at the Us Patent Office by a foreign person (not a company) living outside the US.

2-how a foreign person living outside the US can hand deliver and follow an US patent application.

2-what & how a foreign person living outside the US can do in case of infringement of his invention patented by the Us Patent Office.

3-if, in the patent application, to organically develop and define an invention concerning the functions of an internet web site, a cd-rom or similar device to show how the site works must be handed or if it is sufficient to list into the six sections of the applications all the software program instructions or, even easier, it is enough to describe, into the six sections, the algorithmic and logic operations of what the web site server uses and then drawing it through a flow chart.

4-having read that the all patent application process last almost 2 years, if there is any way of protecting in the mean time the invention, because there is the need of using it.

5-if your office can help me into the all process even if I live in Italy.

I thank you for your kind attention even if my English is weak and for your help.

Your sincerely,

Dr Tommaso Innocenti